CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Moats, Waterfield, and Mayor Patino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, Assistant City Attorney Sinco, Director of Resources & Records Anderson, and Deputy City Clerk Cleary (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. for a: 1) Conference with Real Property Negotiators pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code. Property: 420 South Broadway (APN 125-064-006) and 222 East Cook Street (APN 125-062-011), Agency negotiator: City Manager Jason Stilwell, Negotiating parties: City of Santa Maria and AT Still University, Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment; and 2) Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code: Agency representatives: City Manager Jason Stilwell, Director of Human Resources & Records Jayne Anderson, and Consulting Negotiator Che I. Johnson, Employee Organizations: Santa Maria City Fire Fighters' Union Local 2020 (Local 2020), Service Employees' International Union Local 620 (SEIU), and Santa Maria Police Officers' Association (SMPOA).

INVOCATION
Pastor Gustavo Miramontes of the Pan de Vida gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
Councilmember Boysen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Moats, Waterfield, and Mayor Patino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Trujillo, Director of Human Resources and Records Anderson, Fire Chief Champion, Chief of Police Hansen, Director of Finance Harvey, City Librarian Housel, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kahn, Director of Community Development Ng, Assistant City Attorney Patrick, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Community Programs Manager Rojo, Assistant City Attorney Sinco, Assistant City Manager Wiemiller, and Deputy City Clerk Cleary.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Trujillo announced that there was no reportable action associated with Closed Session Items 1 and 2.

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Councilmember Waterfield presented a Proclamation declaring the day of September 18, 2018, as "Hancock Promise Day" extending gratitude to local donors, businesses, and organizations who have supported the program. Dr. Kevin Walthers and Dr.Lee Volker Cox accepted the Proclamation.

B. Councilmember Cordero presented a Proclamation declaring the week of September 22-29, 2018, as "Active Aging Week" encouraging all residents and business to support the well-being of the senior population and future generations, and encourage community members to remain active. Crystal Lawrence, Community Liaison Director with Santa Maria Terrace, accepted the Proclamation.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Sara Macdonald spoke about safety issues for pedestrians in the City.

Felipe (no last name given) spoke against H-2A housing saying it was causing problems in his neighborhood on Via Carro.

Cheryl Ausan expressed concern that the recent H-2A meetings were not helping solve issues with housing in Santa Maria as quickly as residents would like.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Relating to Item 3D (Homeless Emergency Aid Program), Councilmember Boysen requested that Item 3D be pulled from the Consent Calendar and considered later in the meeting under Regular Business.

Relating to Item 3E (Warrants), Councilmember Waterfield indicated that she would need to abstain from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest.

Item 3D (Homeless Emergency Aid Program) was pulled from the Consent Calendar and moved to the beginning of Regular Business.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Boysen.
Motion carried

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3H (except 3D and 3E) were approved, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2018-111, 2018-112, and 2018-113.
Moved by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried unanimously. 5-0.

Consent Calendar Item 3E (Warrants) was approved.
Moved by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Moats.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

   Action: Waived full readings.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of September 4, 2018.

   Action: Minutes were approved as submitted.

C. Adopt a Resolution approving the updated City of Santa Maria Salary Schematic.

   Action: Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-111.

D. Moved to Regular Business.

E. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

   Action: Warrants ratified.

F. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

   Action: Payroll ratified.

G. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the appropriation of $385,000 to be allocated to the Santa Maria Police Department under the provisions of the California Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant PT19111.

   Action: Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-112.

H. Adopt a Resolution approving a grant application to the California State Parks Habitat Conservation Fund Program to fund an outdoor education program at Los Flores Ranch Park and Santa Maria River Trails.

   Action: Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-113.

4 APPOINTMENTS

A. The City Council considered making one (1) appointment to the *Block Grants Advisory Committee.* Deputy City Clerk Cleary gave the presentation as detailed in the written Council Agenda Report. Applicants were Eric Macksoud and Rebbecca Patterson.

Mayor Patino had the opportunity to make one (1) appointment for a term of three (3) years.

Action: Mayor Patino nominated and appointed Rebecca Patterson to the Block Grants Advisory Committee for a term of three (3) years ending in June 2021. The City Council ratified the appointment.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.

5 PRESENTATION

A. **HOME FOR GOOD COLLABORATIVE.** The City Council received a presentation by Eddie Taylor, Dorothy Mogavero, and Carmen Sampson, regarding United Way of Northern Santa Barbara County and the Home for Good Collaborative, formerly the Central Coast Collaborative on Homelessness (C3H).

Mr. Taylor reported that a "homeless" database had been created in the last few months with more than 1,000 entries, mostly individuals and about 200 families, that will better enable tracking the progress of the Home for Good program.

Ms. Mogavero explained that the goals for the organization pertaining to the North County were to establish regional entry points, coordinate outreach teams, reach all homeless individuals for assessment, build relationships with these individuals, perform assessments, and help house them using supportive services and case management.

Current successes include the assessment of over 1,300 individuals and families (including 95 Veterans). More than 50 percent of them were recommended for permanent supportive housing. 2,800 referrals have been provided and 90 percent are being case-managed with established primary care providers. More than 25 partnerships have been established with local service providers to assist with supportive services. Between February and August 2018, 27 clients were place in housing, 12 entered detox care, and 62 were given transportation assistance.

Current challenges the Home for Good program has include insufficient housing opportunities (Section 8 and VASH vouchers have been issued, but may expire due to lack of local housing), insufficient job opportunities, insufficient funds for housing deposits, a lack of safe holding sites for personal possessions while a homeless individual is at an appointment, and trust issues as many homeless individuals and families are hesitant to accept help.

In response to Councilmember Waterfield's question, Ms. Mogavero explained that VASH vouchers were specifically for Veterans. They are valid for four months, and the Veteran could ask for an extension under certain circumstances. Those individuals in detox are case-managed and often have pets which makes placement difficult.

Councilmember Cordero clarified that once a homeless person was housed, the follow-up was extensive and involved a lot of work.

In response to Mayor Patino's question, Ms. Sampson explained that a person may request a voucher by completing an application on-line through the Housing Authority of Santa Barbara County. Applicants may go to the Housing Authority to use their computers. Good Samaritan Shelter also provides computers, and computers are available in City's Library for applicants to use. Applications are then ranked using a points system. Once the person receives a voucher, they would pay 30 percent of their income and the program would pay the remaining 70 percent toward rent.

Mr. Taylor commented that 400 applications were processed in the last round of applicants, and more than 4,000 applicants in the County of Santa Barbara were on a waiting list. He added that the Home for Good Program and United Way have a group called the Landlord Liaison Partners for Housing Service Solutions that actively develops partnerships with landlords. However, the Program would benefit from having more landlords willing to work with Section 8 clients. He also noted that staff members who work with clients on the streets do go out with tablets in hand so as to collect as much data as possible on-site.

In response to Councilmember Moats' question, Mr. Taylor explained that there were plans to break ground on Depot Street for an 80-unit complex with 35 units being dedicated to those with mental health issues. However, more building would need to happen for the Program to be successful.

Public Speakers:
Ignacio Sanchez spoke on ideas he had to help the homeless in the City.

6 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. DECLARATION OF A SHELTER CRISIS.

This item was moved from the Consent Agenda to Regular Business. The City Council considered approving a partnership with the County of Santa Barbara in applying for a Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) grant and declaring a shelter crisis in the City of Santa Maria. City Manager Stilwell explained that the County of Santa Barbara is in a position to receive $9.4 million in grant money for homeless shelters. The condition was to have a population base that meets the requirements of the funding and for the eight cities under the jurisdiction of Santa Barbara County to declare a homeless shelter crisis.

Community Programs Manager Rojo reviewed the staff report for the item, and introduced Kimberley Albers of the County of Santa Barbara's Homeless Assistance Program.

Councilmembers Waterfield and Boysen asked how the money would be divided between the eight cities and how applicants would be considered.

Ms. Albers responded that there would be a local Notice of Funding Availability inviting applicants to apply by the end of October. Applications would then be evaluated taking into account the geography and needs of each City. Part of the HEAP grant monies would go toward homeless prevention and rapid-rehousing. She indicated that Santa Maria would be entitled to approximately 25 percent of the grant. She also mentioned the next Point-in-Time Count would be done January 24, 2019.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Araceli Cruz and Lisa Coker, both representing Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, spoke in support of declaring a homeless emergency in Santa Maria and for the City to partner with the County of Santa Barbara, saying that a recent survey demonstrated a large number of students in overcrowded living conditions.

Kirsten Cahoon, representing Good Samaritan Shelter, spoke in favor of the proposed resolution declaring a shelter emergency in the City.

Action: Adopt a Resolution declaring a shelter crisis in the City of Santa Maria and approving the City's efforts to partner with the County of Santa Barbara in applying for the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) grant. Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-114.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Boysen.

B. PRIORITIZATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING.

The City Council considered approving the proposed Fiscal Year 2019-20 Community Development Block Grant funding priorities.

Community Programs Manager Rojo gave the presentation as described in the Council Agenda Report. On an annual basis, the Block Grants Advisory Committee (BGAC) reviews the priorities outlined in the City's five-year consolidated plan and decides whether it needs to be modified based on current needs of the community. These priorities are used to determine Community Development Block Grants funding allocations.

On August 27, 2018, a Community Needs Workshop was conducted and youth development, seniors, mental health services, affordable housing and increased resources for the homeless were identified as the greatest needs in Santa Maria. No new needs were identified. As such, the BGAC is recommending that no changes be made to the current list of priorities.

Mayor Patino suggested that homeless prevention be taken out of the realm of CDBG funding as she was concerned that staff may be duplicating efforts between HEAP and CDBG programs. After some discussion, it was decided by a consensus of the City Council to keep homeless prevention on the list of CDBG priorities.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving the Community Development Block Grants priorities for Fiscal Year 2019-20. Adopted as Resolution No. 2018-115.
Moved by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Moats.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be October 2, 2018. Items on the agenda would include a presentation on a pavement management survey in the City, and the Annual Presentation by the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development and Visitor's Bureau.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Boysen had no AB1234 activity to report.

Councilmember Waterfield reported she attended a Measure U Forum; the 47th Law Enforcement Appreciation Night event; a LAFCO meeting; a Meet the Candidates get-together at the Casa Grande Mobile Home Park; and the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Councilmember Moats reported he attended the Quarterly Airport Board Meeting; the 47th Law Enforcement Appreciation Night event; a Meet the Candidates get-together at the Casa Grande Mobile Home Park; the Measure U Forum; and the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended the 47th Law Enforcement Appreciation Night; the Measure U Forum; a Santa Maria School District LCAP Meeting; and the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the 47th Law Enforcement Appreciation Night; a Fighting Back Santa Maria Board meeting; a Meet the Candidates get-together at the Casa Grande Mobile Home Park; the Measure U Forum; the League of California Cities Annual Conference; and a Rotary meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on October 2, 2018.

M. Beth Cleary
Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

M. Beth Cleary
Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria